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MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-second Annual Session

OF THE

PRIMITIVE

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

CONVENED WITH ROUND HILL CHURCH,

Wilkes County, N. C.,

OCTOBER 24TH AND 25TH, 1890.

WILLIAM MILES, Moderator.
J. M. HARRALD, - - - Clerk.

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FRIDAY, October 24, 1890.

MET pursuant to last year's adjournment. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld. W. J. Combs, Text, Matthew 16 ch. and 18 v.

1. After a short intermission the delegates assembled in the church and were called to order by singing and prayer by Elder W. M. Brooks.

2. Called for Letters from the different churches, when fifteen were handed in and read by the Clerk.

3. On motion, opened a door for newly-constituted churches, when "Oak Level" was received by the body.

4. By request, Elders I. W. Landreth and W. M. Brooks acted as tellers, who report Eld. William Miles, Moderator; J. M. Harrald, Clerk.

5. On motion, invited correspondents, when Elders I. W. Landreth, E. Blevins, A. McKnight, and Bros. S. Edwards, H. R. Waggoner and J. Burchitt, from the Mountain Union Association, were kindly received.

6. On motion, invited transients of our Faith and Order, when Eld W. M. Brooks and Bro. Wiley Combs accepted seats with us.

7. On motion, invited visiting brethren, and after a sharp discussion the matter was refered until to-morrow.

8. On motion, authorized the Moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session.

9. The Committee of Finance, viz: Bros. G. W. Miles, J. S. Holbrook and Thos. C. Debord.

10. The Committee on Ministry, viz: Bros. D. Joines, A. H. Brown and M. F. Walker, with the delegates of this church.

11. Appointed Bros. W. L. Hoppers and Thos. C. Debord to write corresponding letters to the Mountain Union and Stony Fork Associations by to-morrow.

12. Appointed as a Committee of Arrangements, viz: Elds. W. J. Combs, C. Blevins, F. W. Norman, W. F. Gregory and J. C. Elledge, with the Moderator, Clerk and corresponding brethren to sit with them.

13. The Committee on the Ministry report for to-morrow: 1st, W. M. Brooks; 2d, Ezekiel Blevins; 3d, A. McKnight.

14. On motion, adjourned till to-morrow, 9 o'clock a. m. Singing and prayer by Elder I. W. Landreth. Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 25, 1890.

1. Services opened by singing and prayer by Moderator.

2. The Clerk called the Roll of Delegates and marked absentees.

3. Then read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4. On motion, the Committee of Arrangements made their report and were discharged.

5. On motion, invited transients, of our Faith and Order, when Bro. Thomas Higgins accepted a seat.

6. Then took up Item 7th, of yesterday, and after another heavy discussion Elds. W. F. Byrd, J. A. Jordan and A. E. Myers, from the Elkin, and Elder J. H. Yarboro, from the Green River Missionary Baptist Associations, came forward and accepted seats as visiting brethren.

7. The corresponding brethren report, viz: Elders W. J. Combs, C. Blevins, J. J. Caudill, and Bros. J. S. Holbrook, N. Waddill, Trely C. Myers, L. B. Myers, W. F. Gregory, Z. S. Myers, John N. Myers and Eli Sebastian visited the Mountain Union and were kindly received. Brother D. C. Woodruff visited the Stony Fork and did not hand in the corresponding letter, but accepted a seat as a visitor, which was indorsed by this Association. The brethren were then discharged.

8. On motion, the brethren to write corresponding letters handed them in and were discharged. The Mountain Union was approved and the Stony Fork rejected by the body.

9. On motion, appointed correspondents to the Mountain Union Association, viz: Bros. W. F. Gregory, D. Joines, Wiley Combs and E. A. Waddill.

10. On motion, the Committee on Obituaries report, viz: Elder R. Simmens, Bros. John M. Brown and Samuel J. Gambill, which was adopted.

11. On motion, continued the committee, except Elder C. Blevins, who resigned; L. B. Myers appointed in his place.

12. On motion, called on Eld. W. J. Combs, who reports: Traveled 772 miles; preached 67 sermons; spent 113 days; attended 21 funerals, and received about $30.

13. The Committe on the Ministry report for Sabbath, viz: 1st, C. Blevins; 2d, W. J. Combs; 3d, I. W. Landreth.

14. The Committee of Finance report, viz: Received from the churches, $15.70; in the hands of the Treasurer, $9.00; Total, $24.70. Report received and committee discharged.

15. On motion, agreed to donate to Eld. W. J. Combs; took up a collection resulting in $4.83 cash and $6 subscribed.

16. On motion, gave Eld. W. J. Combs $8 out of treasury —adopted, and the money paid over to him by the Clerk.

17. On motion, we insert "Feet Washing" in our Articles of Faith, ordering them reprinted this year by the Clerk.

18. On motion, the Building Committee appointed last year to confer with the Elkin brethren met and failed to agree upon a site, which is referred back to this body.

19. On motion, the trustees appointed last year report the following trustees appointed by the Elkin and Primitive Associations, viz: J. S. Holbrook, J. A Pruitt, J. A. McCann, Joshua Spicer, C. F. Fields and J. S. Kilby, met and organized by electing J. S. Holbrook, chairman, and C F. Fields sec'y, who engaged Eld. J. H. Yarboro as Principal of Trap

Hill Baptist Institute. The first session opened Feb'y 3d, and enrolled 87 students. The present session opened 28th of July and has enrolled 80 students with flattering prospects. Respectfully submitted, J. S. Holbrook, chairman; C. F. Fields secretary. Report received.

20. On motion, we request the churches to send up on their letters of next year concerning the reducing of our delegates from 5 to 3 from each church.

21. Appointed our next Association to convene with Zion church, Wilkes Co., N. C., on Friday before the 4th Lord's Day in October, 1891—Elder J. M. Owens to preach the Introductory; A. J. Waggoner, alternate.

22. On motion, appointed the Clerk Treasurer and to have 500 copies of these minutes printed, and allow him $4 for his services.

23. On motion, we lay the corresponding question before the churches to be answered next Association.

24. On motion, we now return our thanks to the brethren and friends for their generous hospitality during this session.

25. On motion, we now adjourn to time and place appointed. Prayer by Eld. W. J. Combs. Benediction by the Moderator.

ELDER WILLIAM MILES,
Moderator.

J. M. HARRALD, *Clerk.*

SABBATH.

Services opened with singing and prayer by Eld. C. Blevins. 1st sermon by Elder Ezekiel Blevins, text I. Corinthians, iii, 11; 2d, Elder W. J. Combs, text, John iii, 10; 3d, Elder I. W. Landreth, Acts xx, 38. During the services Elder I. W. Landreth took up a collection for the Baptist Orphanage, at Thomasville, which amounted to $4.15, placed the same in the hands of Bro. J. S. Holbrook to be sent to the children.

OBITUARIES.

JOHN M. BROWN was born Feb. 8, 1824; died June 28, 1890. He was born, raised and spent his life in Wilkes Co., N. C. He married Ferby Joines, March 28, 1854. They raised 3 children, all of whom are now living. He joined the church at Mt. Zion, about the year 1865, and the 1st Saturday in June, 1868, he joined Walnut Grove church and was ordained Deacon, where he lived a faithful member of the same. His doors were ever open to the wayfaring minister; his hands ever ready to administer charity to the poor and needy. He leaves many friends and relatives to mourn the loss of a good husband, father and citizen. His last testimony, "I am fully resigned, my Maker calls for me." By his own request Elders C. Blevins and J. J. Caudill preached

his funeral at his burial, after which his body was consigned to the tomb where he had selected, near the church.

"He is here on earth no more,
He's landed on the other shore,
And may our souls be ready, too,
When we must bid this world adieu."

ELDER R. SIMMONS was born April 13, 1851: died Aug. 6, 1890. He joined the Baptist Church at Cool Springs about the year 1870, and lived faithful. He was ordained Feb. 1886. He leaves a loving wife and two children with many friends to mourn his loss. He died a member of Oak Level church. Peace to his sleeping dust!

SAMUEL J. GAMBILL was born Dec. 27, 1811; died Nov. 2, 1889, aged 77 yrs, 11 months and 6 days. He professed religion in his 17th year and was immersed by Elder James Vannoy into the fellowship of Mulberry church; then moved his membership to Rock Springs, from which he was a delegate to the first Association that formed the Roaring River Association. At the formation of Mt. Zion church he moved his membership and in it remained until the the division of the Baptists. He then went into the constitution at Walnut Grove church, where he served as clerk for a number of years, and was a leading member. He retained his right mind as long as he could talk, saying to his friends that he would be better off after death. Our sympathies are with his dear wife and children.

"Sweet is the slumber beneath the sod,
While the pure in spirit rests with God."

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God and the only rule of faith and pratice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances; and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general Judgment; and that the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Postoffice.	Names of Delegates.	Saturday,	By Bapt.	By Letter	Applica'n	Restored,	Dismiss'd	Exclud'd	Deceased	Total,	Contributions.
Bethel,	J. M. Owens,	Wiles, N. C.	J M Owens, J C Elledge, L M Jennings, - - -	3		2	1		1	1		31	$ 1 00
Bethany,	J. C Elledge,	Round Mt'n "	J Wood, D Wood, J O Wood, Wilson Wood, - -	4						1		16	50
Dehart,	J. N. Brooks,	Dehart, "	L B and Z S Myers, E Handy, J F Myers, J T Shumate	2					1	1		38	75
Landmark,	A J Waggoner,	Whitehead, "	Daniel Joines, Wm L Hoppers, Columbus Rector,	2	1	2	1					38	1 00
Liberty Grove,	J. C. Elledge,	Mulberry, "	Vickery Wyatt, W B Brown, Reuben Brown, - -	2	2					1		24	60
Liberty Knob,	W. Miles,	Trap Hill, "	W Miles, L Johnson, G W Miles, W F and J W Royal	3					1			40	60
New Covenant,	W. W. Myers,	Dockery, "	J N Wiles, L Wood, E A Wadill, R Walker, J P Johnson	3	5	1		1	1	4		119	1 55
Oak Level,	J. Hughes,	Lomax, "	Irdill Gentry, C Wadill, J Gentry, G W Jordan, - -	3								10	50
Piney Grove,	C. Blevins,	Absher, "	J Spicer, W C Walker, J P Caudill, J W Brown, A J Billings	4	3				3		1	25	1 00
Rachel,	J. M Owens.	Burcham, "	T Billings, W Pruitt, L Billings, N N Blackburn, -	1					1	1	1	36	1 00
Roaring River,	W. J. Combs,	Trap Hill, "	W J Combs, W., L W, and J S Holbrook, T C Debord,	4					3		1	117	65
Round Mount'n	J. N. Brooks,	Round Mt'n "	W Myers, F Gregory, A Caudill, D Woodruff, C P Gillam	1	1		1			2	1	74	1 25
Round Hill,	W. Miles,	Trap Hill, "	W Miles, J A Pruitt, S Gentry, N Waddill, G Cothren,	2	2	5				1		60	90
White Oak,	W. Miles,	Roaring Gap"	F M Walker, F. w. Norman, L. R. Pardew, - -	4		1			2			56	80
Walnut Grove,	C. Blevins,	Ira, "	C Blevins, T C Myers, W B Gambill, S. L. & W Johnson	1	2	3	2	1	4	9	4	118	2 40
Zion,	J. M. Owens,	Hay Meadow"	Eli Sebastian, J R & A H Brown, J M & W J M Harald	4					1	2		56	1 20
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